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Summary of the Request for Proposals for Operation Safe Streets

On February 1, 2007, The Baltimore City Health Department is issuing a Request For Proposals to identify two community organizations to act as Lead Agencies and implement Operation Safe Streets in their neighborhoods. Two awards will be given. Community agencies in Baltimore neighborhoods and communities where the numbers of shootings and homicides have been the highest over the past four years are eligible to apply.

Once selected, the lead agency in each community will implement the Operation Safe Streets plan. This will include hiring and managing a team of outreach workers, coordinating community mobilization, planning and participating in community activities and public education efforts, assisting with coalition building, leading and participating in other activities to engage the community in this intervention. This program presents a unique opportunity for a community-based and community-driven approach to reducing shootings in Baltimore City.

Operation Safe Streets is a tool that communities can use to restore the safety of their streets and strengthen community bonds through community mobilization, outreach, public education, faith, and criminal justice community involvement. This plan emphasizes the delivery of a unified message that violence is no longer acceptable. The plan also includes outreach to reduce antisocial attitudes and behaviors. The success of this project will rely on the community organization and other partners in each target community and on the ability of the community to mobilize against shootings and homicides.

Available Funding and Timeline:

Approximately \$382,600 in funding is available for each of two sites from the Baltimore City Health Department and the the United States Department of Justice.

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| February 1, 2007 | Release of RFP |
| February 16, 2007 | Bidder's Conference |
| | 9AM, Maxie Collier Conference Room |
| | 210 Guilford Avenue, 3 rd Floor |
| | Baltimore, MD 21202 |
| March 9, 2007 | Proposals due |
| March 19, 2007 | Notification of Award (tentative) |

Interested groups should contact Dr. LaShawn Worsley, Director of Operation Safe Streets, at 443-984-3566 or LaShawn.Worsley@baltimorecity.gov for more information.

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